

# WYOMING YHEC 2012 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The **2012 WYOMING STATE YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE** will be held on Saturday June 9, 2012 at the Upton Gun Club, Upton Wyoming.

Check - in will begin at 7 a.m. on Saturday June 9th. Required items for participants (current photo, hunter education card, birth certificate. The events will run from 7:30 a.m. until around 6 p.m. Saturday and resume Sunday at 8 a.m. (if needed).

All rules and regulations will follow the NRA international rules as close as possible.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Must have completed hunter education and present their HE card.
2. Junior division (14 years of age and under on or before August 1<sup>st</sup> )
3. Senior division **Note Rule Change:** (15 – 18 years of age on or before August 1<sup>st</sup> )

**EXCEPTION:** Participants turning 19 years of age during the calendar year 2012, must be enrolled in High School for the full school year of 2011-2012 to be eligible for participation in the 2012 NRA International Youth Hunter Education Challenge Program.

## **RESPONSIBILITY EVENTS:**

1. Hunter Responsibility Exam
2. Hunter Safety Trail Challenge
3. Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge
4. Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge

## **SHOOTING EVENTS:**

5. Hunting Shotgun Challenge
6. Light Hunting Rifle Challenge
7. Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge
8. Hunting Archery Challenge

## **NON-EVENT DIRECTORS:**

1. Registration, Scoring & Grievance Committee: Jim Dawson, Rick Rothleutner, Brady Morris.
2. Meals and Awards: Weston County Friends of the NRA and Dave Manzer

## **SAFETY:**

1. All firearms and Bows will be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
2. Actions of uncased firearms must be open except when on firing line ready to fire.
3. Firearms are to be unloaded except when on the firing line ready to fire.
4. All firearms must have a safety device. The safety will remain on at all times except when ready to fire.
5. Arrows will not be nocked until on the firing line ready to fire.
6. All participants must wear adequate eye and ear protection while on the firing line.
7. Make sure all firearms and bows are safe to fire.
8. Store firearms and bows so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
9. All firearms and bows must be cased if not on firing line.

## **EVENT RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

**1. Hunter Responsibility Exam:** Participants will complete a written examination that includes 30 objective questions (multiple choice, true or false or fill in the blank). Correct answers are worth 10 points for seniors, 20 points for juniors; incorrect answers are worth zero for a maximum possibility of 300 points.

**2. Hunters Safety Trail Challenge:** Participants will walk through a 10 station pre-determined trail; designed to simulate actual hunting conditions and situations including a simulated license. Stations may include, but are not limited to, hunter game situations, target identification, landowner relationships, and safe gun handling afield. The safety trail has a maximum possibility of 300 Points.

**3. Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge:** Participants will walk through a 30-station course. Wildlife identification will be conducted with participants observing animal tracks, mounted animals, and reading and identifying wild life sign from 1-50 yards. The wildlife identification challenge has a maximum possibility of 300 points.

**4. Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge:** Will be conducted with participants taking bearings with their compass. Participants may also be asked to close a triangle, identify map symbols or define word. The hunting orienteering challenge has a maximum possibility of 300 points.

**5. Hunting Shotgun Challenge:** Participants will move through a multiple station hunter clay course this course is not patterned after conventional skeet and trap shooting but is designed to simulate hunting conditions. The scorers will call lost for any targets they determine is missed. Any challenge to a call must be made immediately by the participant. The "ready position" in calling for targets requires the gun to be off the shoulder, with the butt plate below the shoulder the firearm may not be shouldered until the target is visible. Equipment: Any safe 12 or 20 gauge shotgun will be permitted. Double targets will be thrown in some instances, therefore the shotgun should be capable of holding two shells. Only factory loaded target shells with shot size between 7 and 9 will be permitted. The Hunting Shotgun Challenge has a maximum possibility of 300 points.

**6. Light Hunting Rifle Challenge:** Will be conducted with participants taking shoots at NRA life size paper, knock down or silhouette game targets varying in distance from 15 to 75 yards, with scoring areas over the vitals that are considered the center of mass of the game. Participants will shoot from 3 positions. Position one: Short range 30 yards or less from standing position ( no props permitted. Position two: Medium Range 60 yards or less participants may use any shooting position (excluding prone) with the vertical post prop as the as the only aid. Position three: Long range 75 yards or less, participants may utilize any shooting position and available props. (Props to be utilized will be at the discretion of the event director). Equipment: Only standard .22 caliber rifles designed primarily for hunting will be permitted, All action types, excluding fully automatic will be permitted. The rifle may not exceed eight pounds-eight ounces (8.8) in weight without a sling and must have a minimum trigger pull of two pounds. Rifles may be equipped with a hunting sling not to exceed 1 in width. Rifles may also be equipped with Sporter type thumb-hole stock (non adjustable). Sights will be open, peep with a standard front post and bead, or hunting scopes nine power or less. The Light Hunting Rifle Challenge has a maximum possibility of 300 points.

**7. Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge:** Will be conducted with participants shooting at NRA life size game animal targets varying in distance from 20 to 50 yards, with scoring areas over the vitals that are considered the center of mass of the game. Participants will shoot from 2 positions. Position one: Short range 35 yards or less from standing

position (no props permitted). Position two: Medium Range 50 yards or less participants may use any shooting position (excluding prone) with the vertical post prop or shooting stick as the only aides. (Props to be utilized will be at the discretion of the event director). Equipment: Any flintlock or percussion musket cap or 209- primer type Muzzleloading rifles .54 caliber or smaller will be permitted, Muzzleloader may have a set trigger (not to be set until ready to fire), muzzleloaders may be equipped with a sporter type thumbhole stock (non-adjustable), muzzleloader may also be equipped with a sling not to exceed 1 inch in width. Muzzleloaders will have open sights. Muzzleloader may be loaded with single projectile patched balls or pure lead bullets. The Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge has a maximum possibility of 300 points.

**8. Hunting Archery Challenge:** Will be conducted with participants taking shots at targets varying in distance from 10 to 40 yards. Targets will be either NRA life size game target or 3D game targets with scoring areas directly over vital areas of the animal. Equipment: Shooter may use only one bow (exemption bow malfunction), only hunting type compound, recurves or long bows. Bows may be equipped with hunting type sights, Self-adjusting sight (i.e.Sightmaster). The Hunting Archery challenge has a maximum possibility of 300 points.

**AMMUNITION AND TARGETS:** The Wyoming Friends of the NRA will supply all ammunition and targets. Participants may bring their own ammunition as long as it is new factory loaded ammunition and meets the event standards.

**TIE BREAKER CRITERIA:** Ties for all categories, individuals per event and overall scores will be broken. In the event of a tie the individual with the highest score on the Hunter Responsibility Exam will be declared the winner. If a tie remains, the individual with the highest score on the Hunter Safety Trail will be declared the winner, should a tie remain the individual with the highest combined score in the four responsibility events will be declared the winner. The final tiebreaker will be based on a combined score of the four shooting events.

**EVENT RESTRICTIONS:** The following details materials and equipment PROHIBITED from use during events. Cell phones or other electronic devices are not allowed while participants are in events.

**1. & 2. Hunting Responsibility Exam / Hunter Safety Trail Challenge:** Hunter education books, written, taped or transcribed information and reference materials, communication between the participants, coaches or other individuals while the course.

**3. Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge:** Wildlife identification books, Encyclopedias, written, taped or transcribed information and reference materials, electronic equipment, communication between the participants, coaches or other individuals while the course.

**4. Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge:** Calculators, Orienteering books, Encyclopedias, Written taped or transcribed information and reference materials, Electronic equipment including electronic or battery operated compasses, communication between the participants, coaches or other individuals while the course.

**5. Hunting Shotgun Challenge:** Release triggers, Shot size larger than 7, Shot size smaller than 9, Coaching (or attempted coaching) from spectator areas.

**6. Light Hunting Rifle Challenge:** Clothing with adding padding, stiffness or shirt cup designed to assist shooter in remaining steady, Shooting mats, Adjustable competition sling swivel, Kneeling roll, Competitive thumbhole stocks, Palm rests or forearm stocks exceeding 2 inches wide or 2 inches deep as measured from the center line of

the bore, Scopes fixed or variable power optics with capabilities greater than nine power, Range finders, Peep sights with rear aperture less than two millimeters, Binoculars, monocular or spotting scopes, More than one shooting position per shooting sequence, Shooting sticks, Coaching (or attempted coaching) from spectator areas.

**7. Hunting Muzzleloading Challenge:** Shooting mats, scopes or telescopic sights, range finders, binoculars, monocular or spotting scopes, more than 60 grains of black powder or pyrodex by volume, pure lead bullets/balls weighing more than 385 grains, peep sights, kneeling rolls, Adjustable competition sling swivels, Muzzleloaders larger than .54 caliber, more than one shooting position per shooting sequence, Wooden ramrods, Metal jacketed bullet Sabots, Coaching (or attempted coaching) from spectator areas.

**8. Hunting Archery Challenge:** Cable Stops, Extended sight bars that measures farther than six inches from the back of the riser of bow to the front of sight, Manually adjustable sights may have no more than six sight pins or be adjusted to more than six sight positions, More than one stabilizer, Stabilizers over twelve inches, Range finders, Crossbows, Broad-head hunting tips, Arrow shafts that do not have target or field points, Sights that have lens with or without magnification, Shocker Points, Bludgeon points. Coaching (or attempted coaching) from spectator areas.

POINTS OF CONTACT: Questions can be directed to the following individuals:

Wyoming YHEC Director: Rick Rothleutner at (307) 281-9980

WGFD Hunter Education Coordinator: Jim Dawson (307) 473-3439

Wyoming NRA Representative : Dave Manzer (307) 746-2520

**EVENT Chair persons:**

1. Hunter Responsibility Exam – Jim Dawson
2. Hunter Safety Trail Challenge – Cindy Rockenfield
3. Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge – Jeff Obrecht
4. Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge – Brady Morris
5. Hunting Shotgun Challenge – Heather Shideman / Cliff Abbott
6. Light Hunting Rifle Challenge – Bill Kohlbrand
7. Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge – Brent Thompson
8. Hunting Archery Challenge –Debbie Huckins



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YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE**

Sponsored by:

Wyoming Game & Fish Department Hunter Education Program  
Upton Gun Club SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM and Wyoming Friends of the NRA

**June 9, 2012 (Saturday) at the Upton Gun Club, Upton Wyoming**

Check-in will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>. The events will start at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday day and resume at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday if needed. All rules and regulations will follow the NRA International rules as close as possible. There will be a limit of 80 participants so register early. There is an entry fee of \$10. Checks must be made payable to **Wyoming State YHEC**.

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

**NOTE RULE CHANGE:** Senior Division (15–18 years of age) **Exception:** Participants turning 19 years of age during the calendar year 2012, must be enrolled in High School for the full school year of 2011–2012 to be eligible for participation in the 2012 NRA International Youth Hunter Education Challenge Program.

**NOTE:** A current photo of the participant (not to exceed 3" x 5"), a photocopy of their Hunter Education card, and Birth Certificate must be attached to the registration form. Parental or Guardian approval *is required*.

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**MAIL TO: Wyoming YHEC Director: Rick Rothleutner**  
**P.O. Box 291, Upton, WY 82730**  
**Telephone: (307) 281-9980      Email: rrothleutner@yahoo.com**

Coach/Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **Shirt size** \_\_\_\_\_ **youth or adult**  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Category: Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose Entry Fee - \$10 checks payable to: Wyoming State YHEC**

Additional lunches will be available for a nominal fee. Number needed \_\_\_\_\_